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I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled LATCH APPARATUS AND METHOD (Attorney Docket No. 87801-9015-00), the specification of which is attached hereto.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims referred to above.

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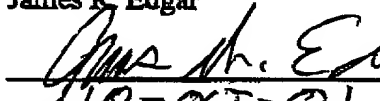
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I hereby claim priority benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §119 of the provisional
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